Kelsey Balaban

Dear TCEQ,

My name is Kelsey Balaban, I live in Austin, TX, and I am a constituent of Senator Sarah Eckhardt, SD14 and Representative Gina Hinojosa, HD49. I am also a volunteer with the non-partisan non-profit organization Citizens Climate Lobby. Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments regarding proposed rule project number 2024-027-113-AI.

I strongly support implementing the EPA's methane reduction directive to its fullest extent, ensuring strict compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOOoc. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, and cutting emissions is critical to addressing the climate crisis. I urge TCEQ to adopt ambitious and transparent standards that prioritize environmental health, protect vulnerable communities near oil and gas facilities, and align with Texas's responsibility to combat climate change.

Sincerely, Kelsey